

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007***

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Selectmen present were: Michael Woodworth and James McIlroy. Wes Moore joined the meeting in progress. Others present were: Michael Bachand, Chief Reed, and Sue McKinnon.

Chief Reed advised that the DWI and Speed patrols are ongoing. To date there have been 10 DWI arrests. These special patrols are funded by grants.

The Tri-Town Grant was approved for alcohol compliance and will be going on this summer. This is a joint project with the Town of Newmarket and the Town of Stratham.

Eleven candidates took part in the physical test for part-time police officers. Five candidates passed the test and will be taking oral boards beginning next week.

The check from FEMA was received for the damage done by the April floods.

Chief Reed heard that Newfields will not receive any more funds from the State or the Federal Government unless a Hazardous Mitigation Plan is in effect. The Chief is in the process of obtaining more details regarding this from the State.

The renewal Discretionary Easement was not signed by the Selectmen. They returned it for the Assessor's signature and the required documents along with the current assessment and a copy of the deed filed at the Registry of Deeds for the original Discretionary Easement.

Michael Bachand of Concepts In Benefits explained Section 125 of the IRS Code to the Selectmen in regard to the employees of the Town being able to make their insurance coverage co-payments prior to taxes. Flexible Spending Accounts were also explained. Michael recommended that the Town start with the Premium Offset Plan only. The others can be added later at the Town's discretion.

Wes made a motion that the Town of Newfields offer to full-time employees the Premium Offset Plan under Section 125 of the IRS code to go into effect January 1st, 2008. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

The necessary paperwork will be filed with Concepts In Benefits to put this plan into effect January 1st, 2008.

The Selectmen accepted the resignation of Pam Abbott, Trustee of the Trust Funds as she has sold her home and is moving out of Newfields. The Selectmen thank Pam for her service to the Town. They are now looking for a resident to replace Pam as a Trustee. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Town Office.

Two items of correspondence from the Lane Law Offices were reviewed.

The survey from the Rockingham Planning Commission was reviewed and forwarded to the Planning Board for completion. The Rockingham Planning Commission advised the Town that the costs for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection will increase. The Town agreed to the increase (\$3.66) and will participate in the Collection in the fall.

The Newfields Water and Sewer District letter was reviewed. The Emergency Water Ban has been changed to a Partial Water Ban as of June 26th.

On June 29, 2007, the Cemetery Trustees adopted new Rules & Regulations for the Newfields, Locust Grove, & Piscassic Cemeteries. A copy was left for the Selectmen which they reviewed.

The list of items to be requested of Comcast on the renewal contract was reviewed and will be sent along to Comcast.

The Piscassic Greenway Reports were approved for forwarding on to NOAA along with a note that the financial reports required will be forwarded at a later date.

Wes advised that Reuben Hull will get in touch with the welder that Wes suggested for the handrails on the ramp. The welder and Reuben will get together so that a quote may be given. Wes will call the bricklayer again for a date of completion for the brickwork.

Wes made a motion that the Town of Newfields accept and agree to Amendment #4 between the Town of Newfields and Civil Design Engineering Consultants, LLC effective April 1st, 2007. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. The Amendment was signed by the Selectmen.

Wes made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 26th, 2007 meeting as amended. James seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. The motion was seconded by Michael and the motion passed with both in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer

